

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 20, 1855.

This is a progressive age, and we know no good reason why there should not be progress in spiritualism. It is now made to appear that spirits are scholars; they can read, write, and cypher, and we are prepared to learn that they have embarked in a general system of internal improvements. Railroads, canals, and telegraphs are as fit facilities in the way of progress as reading and writing, and those who can dance can dig or can run, and those that can run can ride, and those that can ride need something to ride upon—*ergo*, the spirits need the use of railroads, and we suppose they can and will build them.

"The captain swam ashore. So did the chambermaid. She was insured for \$15,000, and loaded with iron."

Donald McKay, the Boston ship-builder, having been nominated the other day by some of the political parties in Boston as a delegate to something, requested the Boston Atlas to say "that he never takes interest enough in politics to go with any party. He believes the country is still safe, and therefore he declines being a delegate to any convention."

Derivation of "Filibusters."—The title of filibusters is a mere corruption of the English word freebooters—a German term, imported into England during the Low Country wars of Elizabeth's reign. It has been erroneously traced to the Dutch word *flyboat*; but the Jesuit traveler, Charlevoix, asserts that, in fact, this species of craft derives its title from being first used by the filibusters, and not from its swiftness. This, however, is evidently a mistake, as Drayton and Hakluyt use the word; and it seems to be even earlier standing in the French language. The derivation from the English word freebooter is at once seen when the (s) in filibuster becomes lost in pronunciation. —G. W. Thornbury.

At Brattleboro, Vt., on the morning of the 13th last, Mr. EARLY CHAMBERLIN, of Jefferson co., Ky., in the 56th year of his age.

His funeral will take place at his late residence on the Bardonia road, on Friday evening, at half-past 2 o'clock. His friends are respectfully requested to attend.

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